



## MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2022  
Sparks Senior Center, Sparks, Nevada 89431  
Multi-Purpose Room  
&  
Zoom Webinar

<https://zoom.us/j/92347908306?pwd=K2k5UGdYSEVXVGNuRGFPZ3pub2kwQT09>

- 1. Call To Order [Non-Action Item]** - Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair- Hawah Ahmad.
- 2. Roll Call [Non-Action Item]** – Hawah Ahmad asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present via in person and through Zoom meeting.

### WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

#### PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Martha Lavin (Arrived  
3:20pm)  
Thuy Tran (Arrived  
3:18pm)  
Charles Mark Neumann  
Jane Baudelaire

Pamela Roberts  
Mary Ann McCauley  
Hawah Ahmad  
Casey Reed

#### ABSENT (EXCUSED\*)

Kodandaraman  
Venkataraman  
\* Mavis Kay Bonzer

### WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride  
Abby Willrich  
Ryan Crane

Herbert Kaplan (DA)  
Sandra Vasquez  
Marina Ramirez

### ADVISOR PRESENT

Dr. Larry Weiss  
Donna Clontz

### ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Connie McMullen  
Victoria Edmondson

### 3. Public Comment [Non-Action Item] –

Molly Golden from the public asked if heaters can be given at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street location. Donna Clontz stated the Age Friendly activities Information Fair will be November 16 and December 14 at the Sparks Library, they are trying to reach seniors throughout the county and provide information.

#### **4. Member Announcements [Non-Action Item] –**

Hawah stated they should add the AARP Age Friendly item for the December agenda. She would also like to take a tour of the Sparks Center in the future. Pam stated she is excited for the info fair, it will be between 10:30am-12:30pm at the Sparks Library on November 16 and December 14. Mark Neumann stated he took a walk in the Sparks Center and it looks very good, also the announcements for the info fair should be sent to all senior centers.

#### **5. Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on November 2, 2022 [For Possible Action]**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Casey Reed and seconded by Pam Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on October 5, 2022 [For Possible Action]**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Neumann and seconded by Casey Reed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Presentation regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (A.R.P.A.) funding process for Washoe County [Non-Action Item] – Gabrielle Enfield, Washoe County Community Reinvestment Manager**

Attachment: [PowerPoint Presentation \(washoecounty.gov\)](https://www.washoecounty.gov)

Gabrielle presented, see attachment. Gabrielle stated they received over \$91 million from the U.S. Treasury Dept; 33 internal projects were awarded. The first projects were awarded in December and some have been awarded and have not started. ARPA funds are more focused on the economic impacts during COVID. They completed the Annual Recovery Plan and also the quarterly report, both are posted to the website. The Dashboard for ARPA is: [ARPA Projects and Dashboard \(washoecounty.gov\)](https://www.washoecounty.gov) or search Washoe County ARPA. Gabrielle stated they opened the Community Reinvestment Grant Program for non-profits. They expected to fund about \$4 million. They awarded 12 community grants and expect another 11. Some of the projects have to do with the cost of backlogs since during COVID there was a lot of backlog. Donna Clontz stated senior suicide is a huge problem and asked if this was addressed during the funding. Gabrielle stated she does not recall specifics, but it could be a component of suicide prevention. As far as County requests, they will provide priorities and projects. Donna asked how senior advocates can express advocacy for them. Pam stated seniors represent 22% of the population and they are being overlooked. Some things have crossed over, but during COVID, seniors were more vulnerable; she asked to consider that when addressing County departments. Mark asked if all the information is under the Washoe County website, Gabrielle stated yes.

#### **8. Update and report on Sparks Senior Center makeover/video tour and update on Homemaker waitlist status [Non-Action Item] - Steve McBride, Division Director**

Steve showed a short video of the remodeled Sparks Senior Center. Steve stated they are now in the beginning planning phase for the Reno Senior Center remodel, and they had an in-depth meeting with the County Services Department and talked focusing on the kitchen and about ADA improvements for the bathrooms. There is no timeline yet, which may be a good sign; the first step was to have the initial meeting. Mark stated that Sparks looks really good; Steve expressed his gratitude and welcomed everyone to come back and have a meal.

Steve stated that regarding the Homemaker Program, there are 427 on the wait list. There is a potential vendor and they have the Homemaker position open for those who would like to look into the open recruitment. They have to get a contractor to take over Daybreak before starting the in-house Homemaker program. Pam asked if there is potential that those on the wait list can

be somehow seen meanwhile they are on the waitlist. If there is contact with the person on the waitlist, it may be the lifeline they need meanwhile on the waitlist.

They asked if there is a way to have someone go to the person's home who is on the waitlist and check in on them. Abby stated that when someone goes on the waitlist, an assessment is made and additional services are discussed. Regarding doing a type of check in, it would be good to gear the person toward the Friendly Visitor Call Program. Abby explained that the homemaker aide position for the homemaker program is a paid position, and the recruitment is posted on the Washoe County website.

**9. Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee [Non-Action Item] – Donald Abbott**

Donald stated that the Sparks Center looks amazing. Their next meeting will be on November 9 and the Board will be giving input on where and how to spend the \$100,000 from ARPA.

**10. Update on Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee [Non-Action Item] – Paco Lachoy**

Not present.

**11. Report and update on letter to Citizen Advisory Boards (CABs) asking for reports on senior issues in unincorporated Washoe County [Non-Action Item]**

Mark stated he is in the Sun Valley Advisory Board and they did not receive a letter. Abby stated that Hawah did the letter and Abby reviewed it and it was good to go and be sent out. Hawah stated that an email was sent out, but they need to send a physical letter as well.

**12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding appointing a new Advisory Board member for District 3 and two Alternate seats [For Possible Action]**

Abby stated only one application has been received so far and the applicant is in attendance. Ken Otto, from Cold Springs, stated he turned in the application and he is 65 years old and has worked with the county and with Commissioner Herman.

Pam stated it would be good to think about amending the Bylaws to require applicants to attend at least 2 meetings before initiating their application review.

**13. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding setting a Senior Advisory Board concurrent meeting with Sparks Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee [For Possible Action]**

Pam stated it is her understanding that Sparks would like to have a concurrent meeting, she asked Andrea Pelto to speak. Hawah stated Mayor Schieve was going to talk to the Reno Advisory members to see if they would like to have a concurrent meeting. Andrea stated that she would like to see everyone work together and have a concurrent meeting.

They stated that in March it is the Newcomers meeting, and it would be good to have a representative of each Board at the meeting.

Donna stated they used to do the concurrent meeting quarterly and they always joined for Older Americans Month, but it was also helpful to have concurrent meetings quarterly.

**14. Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas [Non-Action Item]. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)**

Possibility to expand Friendly Visitor Call Program

Possible presentation on independent/assisted living

**15. Public comment [Non-Action Item] –**

Donald Abbott stated that the Nevada Senior Citizen of the Year is Andrea Pelto and congratulated her.

Pamela congratulated Andrea and stated her gratitude for everything she does for seniors.

Hawah stated next month's meeting will be at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street location and people should keep an eye out for Age Friendly.

**16. Adjournment [Non-Action Item]**

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

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